

cial interest not covered in a regular course or with the exploration in greater depth of a subject presented in a regular course. Each department has an independent study upper-division course (190). In addition, some departments have a lower-division course (90) and/or a graduate-level course (290).

To be eligible for independent study, students should have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher. This requirement may be waived in exceptional cases, when approved by the department chair. Maximum credit of 6 units in independent study courses is allowed toward the bachelor's degree, and maximum credit of 6 units in independent study courses may be approved for use toward a 30-unit master's degree. Such credit is limited to a maximum of 3 units per semester. Under extraordinary circumstances more than 3 units per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chair.

Eligible students desiring to register for a 190 or a 290 course must first obtain the consent of an instructor, who will guide the project, and the chair of the department in which the course is given. Students must register for 190 and 290 courses during the regular registration period in the same manner as they register for any other course at the time of registration.

An independent study course normally includes an oral examination by a committee set up by the supervising instructor, a formal report that is filed in the department office, and an abstract of the study that is filed with the department chair. Approval forms and copies of the current regulations may be obtained from department or school offices. The entry on the permanent record shows the discipline and course number only; the title does not appear.

Certain special regulations concerning enrollment in 190 and 290 courses during a summer session can be found in the *Summer Session Catalog*.

Credit for Noncollegiate Instruction. This university grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of noncollegiate instruction, either military or civilian, that has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are those recommended in *A Guide to the Evaluation*

of Educational Experience in the Armed Services and the *National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs*.

Credit for Military Service Course/Work. Lower-division elective credit is given for recruit training for initial entry into the service providing the student was on active duty for at least one year and one day. Credit given varies depending on the branch of service and date of entry. An applicant for credit must submit a copy of *Notice of Separation* (DD214) to the Evaluations Office.

DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support) maintains the educational records of the servicemen and women who have completed SST's (Subject Standardized Tests), CLEP (College Level Examination Program) examinations and GED tests. DANTES has also maintained USAFI (United States Armed Forces Institute) transcripts since that organization ceased to exist in 1974.

College credit is awarded for acceptable SST scores as recommended by DANTES. Equivalency for SST credit is determined by our departments. Other credits recommended by DANTES (CLEP, etc.) must meet university guidelines for the awarding of credit for those examinations. DANTES/USAFI correspondence credit is combined with other extension or correspondence coursework to a maximum of 24 semester units.

Additional credit is granted for military courses as recommended in *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. The applicant for such credit must submit official documents giving all details such as location and length.

College Level Examination Program. The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is designed to be a means through which recognition, academic credit, and placement may be given for less conventional forms of educational experience. Those who may have reached a college level of education through home or correspondence study, on-the-job training, television courses, or by other means may take the CLEP examinations, which are offered by the College Entrance Examination Board.

Within the restrictions of systemwide policy, this university awards credit for successfully completed CLEP examinations. Such credit is applied

to the total units required for the baccalaureate degree, but it is not applied to the General Education requirement. Not all CLEP examinations are acceptable under system policy. Subject examinations may require the recommendation of the appropriate department before credit is awarded. Course equivalency is also determined by the department concerned.

Credits earned through CLEP are included among the maximum of 30 units of Credit by Examination that may be credited toward a bachelor's degree. For additional information, call the Testing Office, (209) 278-2457.

English 1 — Challenge by Examination. Students who want to challenge English 1 CBE may do so only by taking a challenge examination offered by our English Department or the Advanced Placement (AP)-Language and Composition or AP-Literature and Composition tests. AP exams are available only to enrolled high school students, but college students may take the California State University, Fresno examination. For information on our examination call the English Department, (209) 278-2553, or the Office of Testing Services, (209) 278-2457.

Students who pass AP-Language and Composition earn 3 units in English 1 and 3 units in English 2. Students who pass AP-Literature and Composition earn 3 units in English 1 and 3 units in English 20. Students passing our examination earn 3 units in English 1.

Upper-Division Writing Examination. The UDWE is administered by the university and may be used to satisfy the upper-division writing skills requirement. One unit of credit may be granted (Engl 100W) to registered undergraduate students upon request. This unit may be applied toward the 40 upper-division unit degree requirement and total units for the baccalaureate degree but cannot be applied toward the 30 residence unit degree requirement or for postbaccalaureate credit. University registration deadlines must be adhered to. English 1 is a prerequisite to taking the UDWE. For details, call the Testing Office, (209) 278-2457.